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\$1,000,000 N. Y. Central Pier Fire; 35 Overcome

35 FIREMEN ARE OVERCOME IN \$1,000,000 BLAZE AFTER EXPLOSIONS ON RIVER PIER

Two Nearly Blinded as Thousands of Tons of Freight Burn on Dock at 63d Street and North River.

Over Sixty Lines of Hose Play on Most Spectacular Fire in Years—Scores Have Narrow Escapes.

Three firemen were nearly blinded by boiling chloride of lime, more than thirty-five others were overcome by smoke and fumes, among them Acting Chief "Smoky Joe" Martin, and several others had narrow escapes from serious injury in a fire which started at half-past 7 this morning on Pier D of the New York Central Railroad, at the foot of 63d Street, North River. Officials of the pier said the fire would cause damage of more than \$1,000,000. The blaze was still burning fiercely this afternoon.

Thousands of tons of freight, equivalent to about eighty carloads, were consumed by the flames and firemen were seriously hampered by explosions and chemical action as fire and water came in contact with chloride of lime, silic, lime, caustic soda and other inflammable and explosive materials. Contact between the lime and water was the cause of the near blinding of three of the firemen, who were overcome and carried out in a semi-conscious condition. They were:

John J. Halperin, Engine Co. 3, Henry Dalles, Engine Co. 65, John Daly, Engine Co. 65.

Two other men, not firemen, were badly injured. They are Hugh Smith, a freight checker, of No. 139 West 67th Street, who slipped on a rusty nail, and Tony Tenger, a laborer, of No. 639 West 59th Street, whose left hand was badly cut by falling glass.

Acting Chief Martin arrived at the fire with badly swollen eyes, as the result of the chemical fire in West 12th Street last week, which required three days of fighting to extinguish. And it was not long before the chloride of lime rendered him temporarily incapacitated to-day. He was forced to undergo treatment by Honorary Deputy Chief Dr. Harry Archer, who also treated the other firemen, two of whom—Halperin and Dalles—were sent home.

Two other firemen were relieved of duty as the result of having been overcome by smoke and fumes. They were Thomas McLaughlin and James Mayer of Engine Co. 34.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained, but officials of the New York Central Railroad and police at

RABBI BUCHLER MUST TESTIFY AT HIRSHFIELD QUERY

Justice O'Malley So Directs and Threatens Punishment on His Failure.

Dr. Samuel Buchler, former Deputy in the Department of Markets, to-day was adjudged in contempt by Supreme Court Justice O'Malley for his refusal to answer questions in Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld's investigation of the Department of Markets. Unless Dr. Buchler appears when ordered at Commissioner Hirschfeld's hearings on answers the questions heretofore propounded to him, he will be punished according to the concluding line in the court's decision.

"I did not find the slightest legal justification for Dr. Buchler's refusal to answer the questions propounded by the petitioner," declared Justice O'Malley in his decision. "Section 119 of the Greater New York charter gives full power and authority to the Commissioner of Accounts to conduct examinations and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the constitutionality of the act has been sustained by the highest court."

"In fact, Dr. Buchler does not question the petitioner's powers or the regularity of the proceedings. He bases his refusal solely upon the grounds

POOR PIQUA FACES DARK BLUE SUNDAY

Church or Stay Home, Only Recreations.

PIQUA, Ohio, Aug. 12. This city of 17,000 population will pass under one of the strictest "blue-law" regimes in the country Sunday.

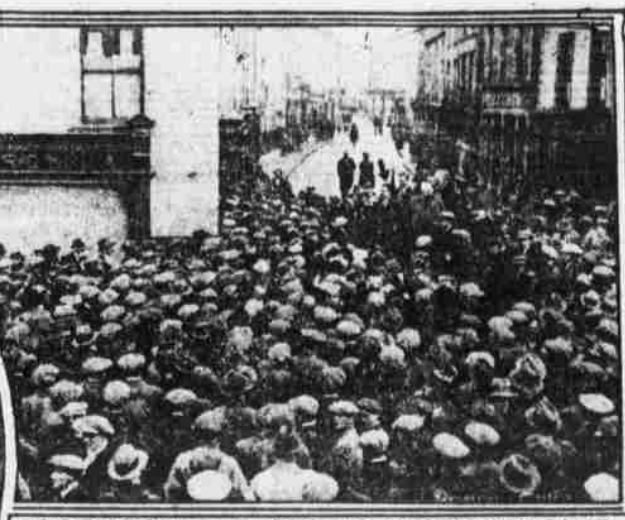
Mayor A. W. Dewese has issued a proclamation which puts the ban on gasoline stations, motion pictures, restaurants, drug stores, groceries, cigar and candy stores and Sunday newspapers. The only things which escape the ban are milk wagons, the electric light plant and "prescriptions."

The city has two forms of recreation in store for Sunday—go to church or stay at home.

FAMOUS IRISH LEADER, HIS FAMILY AND SCENES IN HIS LIFE



MR AND MRS ARTHUR GRIFFITH
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ADDRESSING A CROWD OF REPUBLICANS IN A LARGE HALL.



MR GRIFFITH AND HIS CHILDREN

HARDING ABANDONS APPEAL TO CONGRESS IN RAIL CRISIS

Strikers and Executives to Reply to His Proposal This Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Associated Press).—President Harding was said by Administration advisers to-day to have abandoned, temporarily at least, his plan for asking legislation of Congress to deal with the railroad strike situation.

The conditional acceptance by the railroad executives of the President's latest proposal was declared to have been the controlling factor in his change of plans regarding legislation. In view of the executives' attitude, the President, according to advisers who conferred with him, was said to believe any immediate legislation by Congress was unnecessary.

It was announced from the White House that the railroad union leaders had made an engagement to call on him at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The executives' committee, directed to present the response of the managements to the President, has an engagement to see him at 4.30 o'clock. The reply of the unions, it was indicated, will be presented to the President not only by the chiefs of the seven unions on strike but by the whole body of railroad labor leaders, including the officials of the operating brotherhoods, who have been in conference here. It, however, will be signed only by the unions on strike.

Chairman Hooper of the Railroad Labor Board conferred with the President in the morning.

ANGERED RAIL MEN QUITTING JOBS IN GROWING NUMBERS

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (Associated Press).—The strike of rail shop-crafts employees adopted a still more threatening aspect to-day as the walkout entered its seventh week. Paralysis of railroad transportation in various sections, particularly the Far West, Northwest and Southwest, threatened as "Big Four" Brotherhood men abandoned work or called meetings to consider quitting.

Switchmen joined engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen.

DIST. ATT'Y RUSTON KILLS BOY WITH HIS AUTOMOBILE

Lad Jumps From Wagon in Path and Lawyer Can't Avoid Hitting Him.

Clifford Furrer, seven years old, of No. 121 Martin Avenue, South Ozone Park, L. I., jumped from the rear end of a truck on which he had been riding, unknown to the driver, down Rockaway Boulevard, at 9.40 o'clock, this morning. He dropped directly in the path of an automobile driven by District Attorney Ruston of Kings County and was instantly killed.

Mr. Ruston threw on his brakes as the boy jumped, but too late to avoid hitting him. He immediately dismounted, did all he could for the lad, and then took the names and addresses of those witnessing the accident.

Mr. Ruston was arrested on a technical charge of homicide and was to be arraigned later before Magistrate Miller in Jamaica Court. The officer having the case in charge reported that the boy, attempting to "hook a ride" on an automobile truck, dashed from behind another truck into the path of the machine driven by Mr. Ruston.

Mr. Ruston was on his way to St. Albans, Queens. He was going, he said, about fifteen miles an hour. The road was slippery from rain, he said, and he was forced to the side of the road in front of a big truck coming from the opposite direction. As the machines were about to pass, the boy jumped from the rear of the truck. The front wheels of Mr. Ruston's car passed over him.

Mr. Ruston pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Magistrate Miller and was patroled until Monday.

SETS MORAL VALUE AT \$10,000 TOTAL

Miss Estelle Sanford Sues Miss Louise Schilling. Declaring that she was slandered to the extent of \$10,000 damages, Miss Estelle Sanford, of No. 475 East 14th Street, to-day filed suit for that amount in Bronx Supreme Court against Miss Louise Schilling of the same address. The complaint alleges that on Aug. 1, the presence of many friends of Miss Sanford, the defendant made remarks concerning the plaintiff's morals.

COL. WEEKS REJECTS RENOMINATION FOR DIST. ATT'Y.

Col. Frederick E. Weeks, District Attorney of Westchester County, who was designated two weeks ago by the county Republican organization to run for the nomination again, declared to-day that he will not do so. He said: "Positively I will not be a candidate. My formal statement declining the designation will be given to the Committee on Vacancies next week, perhaps Monday or Tuesday."

In reply to a question whether his decision was based on the reduction of the salary that goes with the position he merely said that he wished to devote his entire attention to his private law practice. It is said that he has told friends he was upset by the public turmoil over the Ward case.

Arthur Rowland of Yonkers, Assistant District Attorney, is now mentioned for the nomination.

SOLDIER BOXER DIES FOUR DAYS AFTER BOUT

Young Labadie, twenty-four, known as the "Soldier Boxer," who culminated a bout in the Arena Club in Haverhill, N. H., on Tuesday night, died in the St. Francis Hospital to-day without recovering consciousness. Officials of the club and managers of the boxers have been questioned by the police to-day and they will be summoned when the funeral is held. Labadie was a private at Camp Dix, N. J., and Louis Barate, a Frenchman, living in Camden, boxed six rounds at the club, and at the conclusion of the bout both seemed in good condition. However, when Labadie reached his dressing room he became unconscious. He was taken to the hospital where surgeons said he was suffering from a hemorrhage of the brain.

MILLER WILL CALL LEGISLATURE INTO SPECIAL SESSION

ALBANY, Aug. 12.—An extraordinary session of the Legislature will be convened during the week on Aug. 21, it was announced at the Executive Chamber to-day, to enact legislation intended to conserve and regulate the distribution of supplies of coal within New York State.

Gov. Miller, who is at his summer home at Lake George, has not decided the exact date upon which the Legislature will return to the Capitol, but it will be sometime the week after next.

Those close to the Governor anticipate a brief session. While no official statement is forthcoming, it is understood that the Executive has determined upon the legislation he believes will be necessary to empower the committee to enforce its rulings regarding the conservation and distribution of coal within the state and that the measures would be ready for submission to the Legislature when that body is reconvened.

In addition to vesting in the Coal Commission the authority that will make its decisions mandatory, it is expected that the pending legislation will include drastic penalties for dealers and others who disregard the Commission's regulations.

LEADER IN FIGHT TO FREE ERIN, PRESIDENT OF DAIL EIREANN, DIES AFTER AN OPERATION

Was Creator of the Sinn Fein and Spent Seven Months in Prison for Devotion to Cause Directing Organization From Cell—Death a Surprise, Due to Cerebral Hemorrhage.

BELFAST, Aug. 12 (Associated Press).—Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, died in Dublin to-day.

Mr. Griffith was ill only ten days, and his illness was not considered serious. Yesterday, however, he suffered a sudden relapse and died early this morning.

His death occurred at 9.45 o'clock this morning. He entered St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, ten days ago for an operation for tonsillitis. He was recovering from the operation and apparently was regaining his normal strength during the last few days.

In fact, Mr. Griffith had responded to his treatment so well that he was able to leave the hospital daily for his official duties, returning to the institution at night.

This morning he ate a hearty breakfast, and was going upstairs when he suddenly collapsed. He was carried into his room and a doctor was immediately summoned. He said Mr. Griffith was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. A priest was then sent for, and he had just finished administering the last rites of the church when Mr. Griffith expired.

DUBLIN, Aug. 12 (Associated Press).—The sudden death of Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann Cabinet, which occurred here early to-day, followed a gradual weakening of his physical reserve, believed to have been caused by the strain of his experiences during the period of "terror" preceding the truce with England, the long and arduous negotiations with the British Government, and the heavy work entailed in connection with setting up the Free State Government.

Commenting upon his death to-day a prominent Free State said: "Ireland has suffered an immeasurable loss. As Michael Collins is the sword of the movement for a free and independent Ireland, so Griffith was its brain."

Mr. Griffith's physicians had strongly urged him to take a holiday, but he insisted on remaining at his post, saying the urgent requirements of the country did not permit his leaving. One of the doctors said Mr. Griffith had not had a holiday for years.

"If ever there was a martyr to duty, it was he," said the doctors. Arthur Griffith was the founder of the Sinn Fein movement and his election by the Dail Eireann as Chief Executive of the Free State of Ireland was in recognition of his lead in directing the affairs of that organization.

Formerly he was an editor in Dublin and he first attracted attention to himself by his uncompromising attitude for abatement by Irish members from attending the sessions of the British Parliament at Westminster. It was this idea that formed the nucleus of the Sinn Fein organization, which took the place of the Irish Nationalist movement.

Griffith made ample opportunity for the expression of his views by establishing the newspaper, United Irishman, and afterward the Sinn Fein and the Nationalist.

He was elected in October, 1917, to be president of the Irish conference of the Sinn Fein conference at Dublin. Later he was nominated as the Sinn Fein delegate from East Cavan. While the Peace Conference was in session at Paris he was chosen as delegate to go to the French capital and present to the conference the Irish cause.

Failure to obtain safe conduct, however, prevented his attendance. His election as Acting President of the Irish Assembly, in the absence of De Valera in the United States, occurred in July, 1919. Three months later he was elected one of the permanent Vice Presidents of the Sinn Fein.

He was arrested in Dublin in November, 1920, and for the next seven months was a prisoner in Mountjoy Prison. His incarceration did not prevent him sending a message to the Irish people as to the conduct of the

Eight Firemen Risk Their Lives To Fight Blaze in Middle of River

Use 1,000 Feet of Hose to Battle Flames on Breakwater of 145th Street Bridge.

At the risk of their lives, eight firemen of Engine Company No. 41, No. 280 East 150th Street, the Bronx, crawled on hands and knees along a row of piles early this morning to play a stream of water from a thousand-foot line of hose on a blaze in the breakwater of the 145th Street bridge, which spans the Harlem River.

The breakwater, which is in the middle of the river, is reached from the bridge by a ladder. It took the firemen about twenty minutes to hook up the hose, which was run from the Bronx side of the river up to the north side of the bridge, then across car tracks and walk to the center of the structure, from where it was dropped down into the breakwater.

The fire, which burned away about thirty-five feet of piling, was discovered by Michael Harrington of No. 266 East 51st Street, a bridge tender, who turned in an alarm from the Bronx side. Battalion Chief Samuel E. Polling, who responded, because of

the inaccessibility of the fire, ordered Engine No. 41 to drive close up to the edge of the river, where the suction end of the hose was dropped into the water.

Then began the difficult task of stretching the line of hose across the bridge. It took the firemen about three-quarters of an hour to extinguish the blaze. Traffic across the bridge and on the 145th and 146th Street cross-town surface car lines was tied up for about an hour. It is believed the fire was caused by a burning cigarette thrown from the bridge.

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